IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application of)
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OHTA et al.)
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Application Number: To Be Assigned)
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Filed: Concurrently Herewith)
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For: QUERY MODIFICATION SYSTEM FOR INFORMATION)
        RETRIEVAL)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
    for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant has amended the claims in order to make them correct in accordance with standard U.S. practice. Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

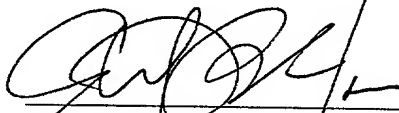Please substitute claim 13 with the following amended claim:

13.   (Amended) A program for allowing a computer to realize the information retrieval system for retrieving information from a database, said information retrieval system comprising:

        means for representing an input screen for inputting query information; and

        query vector representing means for representing a query conception assembled from the inputted query information as a query vector which contains a plurality of keywords and weights of the respective keywords.

REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 13. No new matter has been added to the application as a result of this amendment.

In view of the above amendment and Applicant's comments stated herein, Applicant respectfully requests an early and favorable action on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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Marked Up Version of the Claims

13. (Amended) A program for allowing a computer to realize the information retrieval system for retrieving information from a database, said information retrieval system ~~according to claim 1~~ <u>comprising:</u>

<u>means for representing an input screen for inputting query information;</u> <u>and</u>

<u>query vector representing means for representing a query conception assembled from the inputted query information as a query vector which contains a plurality of keywords and weights of the respective keywords.</u>